

**HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION**  
**PART 1 - EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE**

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Project Number:

Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Use typewriter or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property: DUNDALK POLICE STATION  
Address of property: 7 Shipping Place and Market Street  
City Baltimore County Dundalk State Maryland Zip Code 21222  
Name of historic district: DUNDALK NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT  
☒ National Register district ☐ certified state or local district ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.  
☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.  
☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.  
☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Authorized project contact:

Name Harry T. Carson, Jr. Title Owner (Partner)  
Street 2108 Gwynn Oak Ave. City Baltimore  
State Maryland Zip 21207 Telephone Number (during day): 944-2322 - Office  
284-1022 - Job Site

4. Owner:

Name A & H Associates (Partnership) Harry T. Carson, Jr. & Alfred S. Gray  
Street 2108 Gwynn Oak Ave. City Baltimore  
State Maryland Zip 21207 Telephone Number (during day): 944-2322 - Office  
284-1022 - Job Site

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the above-named property.

Owner's Signature [Signature] Date May 30, 1986

Social Security Number or Taxpayer Identification Number Harry T. Carson, Jr. 218-18-4026

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Alfred S. Gray 216-34-1125

The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application - Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.  
☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.  
☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.  
☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.  
☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.  
☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

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DUNDALK POLICE STATION

HISTORIC PRESERVATION  
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION-

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BA-2346

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7 Shipping Place, Dundalk, MD. 21222

Property Address

A &amp; H ASSOCIATES (Partnership)

Owner Name/Social Security or Taxpayer ID Number

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## 5. Description of physical appearance:

This building is located in the DUNDALK HISTORIC DISTRICT, Baltimore County/City Maryland and is listed in the National Register of Historic Places by the United States Department of the Interior dated Dec. 8, 1983. The Dundalk Police Station (which was vacated Oct. 9, 1985 and moved to newer facilities) is rectangular in shape. The front half being a 2 story structure and the back half being a one story structure, all of which has a flat roof with parapet walls with scuppers, conductor heads and down spouts to carry off the water. The foundation walls are constructed of natural Ashlar Stone, carried to a height of approximately 4 ft. above grade with a feature of a limestone watertable which accomodates a 4" offset in the exterior wall lines and a transition to unpainted Face Brick with limestone quoin corners and limestone belt course at roof level and limestone coping atop the parapet walls, all of which identifies the front half 2 story portion of the building. The one story, back portion is all unpainted brick (no stone foundation) with a limestone coping on parapet walls. The building is basically divided into two halves, the left half that was the original Police Dept. and the right half as was the original Fire Dept. side. The center dividuall wall has interior door penetrations to allow it to function as one. The Fire

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Date of Construction: 1920

Source of Date: limestone plaque on building

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1949

Land Records Balto. Co. W.P.C. 530  
folio 454Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

## 6. Statement of significance:

The Police Station, being one of the oldest non-residential buildings in the "Dundalk Historic District" was designed by William Emory, architect, and was built in 1920. Originally, the building was designed and used as both a Police Station and Fire Department and was an integral part of a planned community, being a part of the central business district, making Dundalk one of the first few shopping centers in the United States. Definition of these two entities are architectually identified by the two main entrances that exist on the front of the building. The left entrance (The Police Dept.) has steps that elevate to the first floor of the left half of the building which is about 2 ft. above the pavement level. Located in the right half of the building, which was originally the Fire Dept. side, the entrance is at pavement level (approximately 2 ft. lower). The reason for this difference is that this side was originally used to house the fire engine. The Fire Dept. moved out to a new station on April 25, 1949 and immediately thereafter the fire engine entrance was bricked up with a new door in the center, at pavement level with a large transom placed over the door that reached to the lintels that originally spanned the opening. Further identification that there existed a Fire Station is the 3 story high "Hose Tower" that exists at the rear of the building, which was used to hang the fire hoses. There is an unusual raised floor in the original Police side of the building, the reason being that this was the area that was used as a District Court Room. Inasmuch as this area would be subject to an excessive weight load on the floor joists when the court was in session, it was advised that this floor be "beefed up" due to the many people that would be in this room at one time. Measures were taken to prop the joist in the basement and an additional floor system superimposed over the initial floor, raising it about 8" so

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## 7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Continuation sheets attached: ☒ yes ☐ no

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Dept. side has been divided with two interior partitions, breaking it down into 3 equal areas with two toilet rooms at the rear of the building. The original "Police Dept." side has a layout as follows: The first floor contains two office rooms, a center office room, a central corridor which leads to a rest room, a woman's Cell, 4 male Cells and to a central stair to the 2nd floor. The second floor contains a small roll call room, a bathroom and 5 offices. The exterior has a significant number of double hung windows - 4 over 4 lights, 2 closed out with masonry in the rear to accommodate the installation of the "Mens" Cells, 2 closed out on the side for the same reason, one grated over at the cell window of the "Womans'" Cell block. The front of the building has 2 large sweeping brick arches with decorative brick inserts. There are divisional quoined pilasters with a limestone "Plaque" placed in the center pilaster along with a limestone "Sculptured Cup" which houses a majestic Flag Pole which reaches from the 2nd floor skyward for approximately 20 feet.

Owner's Signature



Date

May 30-1986

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- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."
- ☐ The National Park Service has determined that these project amendments do not meet the Secretary of the Interior's "Standards for Rehabilitation."

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that this floor would be made safe. However - to accomplish this, there were entry "wells" designed to accommodate the swing of the doors and transition from other rooms into this court room. After the fire department moved out in 1949, the District Court was moved over into this side of the building to accommodate a larger Court Room, with little concern about the weight inasmuch as this was a concrete slab on earth which housed the fire engine. Later on the Court moved out of the building to another building in the community to afford more room for the Police Dept. It was at this time that the Police Dept. took over the entire building. The interior of the building has undergone many changes as were dictated by the many transitions that had occurred internally such as Police Station, Fire House, Cell Blocks, District Court and then shifting about internally from one location to another, bringing with each change a multitude of mixed interior finishes and/or installations that has rendered the interior very little historic significance. Much of the interior will require revamping, gutting, and extreme alterations to transform the facility from a drab institutional-like system to a viable, dignified professional office building that we feel would be supported by the community and that this building so richly deserves. To do this, we will have to incorporate more modern and comfortable facilities along with pleasant decore and finishes. To accomplish this, we would need a waiver of INTERIOR HISTORIC SIGNIFICANCE, which we feel is a reasonable request considering what we will accomplish by resurrecting such a magnificent, stately Historic Building. This building, which was built in 1920 (as documented by limestone plaque, built in place at the time of construction, just beneath the base of the limestone flag pole cup) was built originally where it stands on a parcel of land 60 feet wide by 100 feet long, situated on the east side of Shipping Place and the north side of Market Street in the 12th Election District of Baltimore County, Maryland as documented in the Land Records of Baltimore County in Liber W.P.C. No. 530, Folio 454. Following enclosures of Documentations are as follows:

1. Pamphlet "WALKING TOUR OF DUNDALK NATIONAL HISTORIC DISTRICT"
2. Excerpts from "DUNDALK SHOPPING AREA - ECONOMIC BASE STUDY APRIL 82"
  - a. Page 3 - Map Study Area
  - b. Page 4 & 5 - Historical Sketch of Dundalk Study Area
  - c. Page 35 - Picture "POLICE STATION"
3. Application Pamphlet - from Dundalk Chamber of Commerce to Maryland Historical Trust dated June 1, 1985.

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The Police Station has been the property of Baltimore County, Maryland Government from 1920 until January 30, 1986 when it was sold to the private sector - namely: A & H ASSOCIATES, 2108 Gwynn Oak Ave., Baltimore, Maryland 21207 Phone: 944-2322. The terms and conditions of sale are:

"RESTRICTIONS" It is the intent of Baltimore County, Maryland to preserve the exterior of the DUNDALK POLICE STATION in it's present condition for it's Historical Significance. Therefore, the Deed shall stipulate that all alterations, improvements, additions and/or changes of whatever nature or kind to the exterior of the building shall be subject to the written approval of Baltimore County, Maryland.

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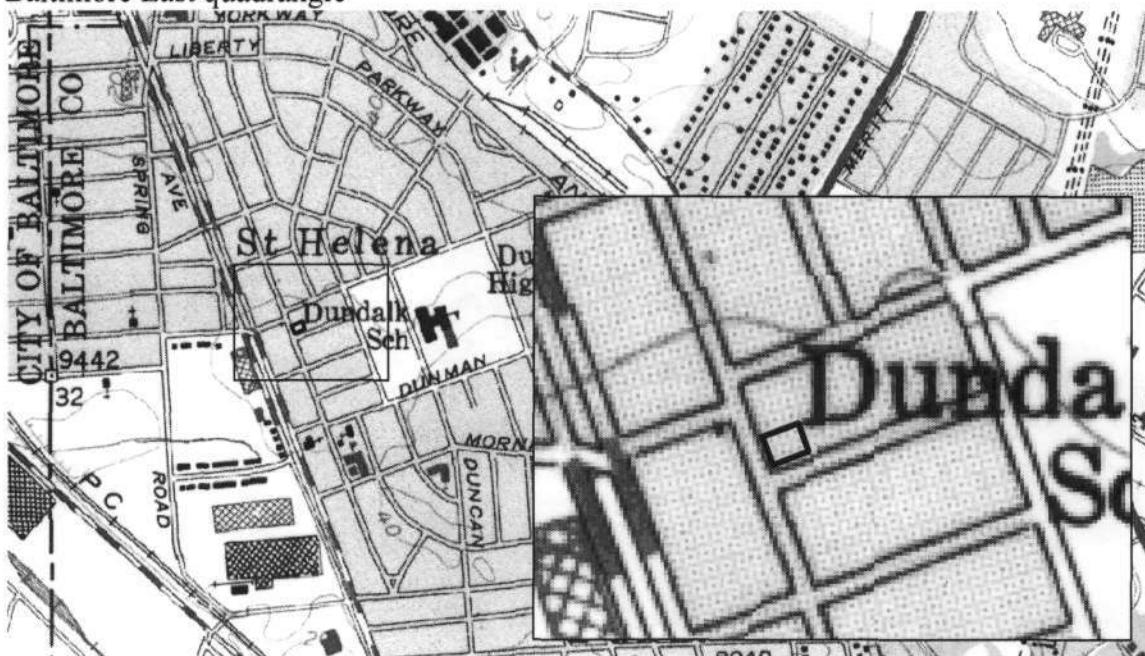
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 Dundalk Police Station  
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 Baltimore East quadrangle



Google Earth image, c. 2007

Sanborn Map, 1959

